

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 23, 2005. Claims 17 to 19, 21, 24, and 25 are in the application, with Claims 17 and 21 being independent. Claims 13 to 16, 20, 22, and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 17, 19, 21, and 25 have been amended. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 17 to 19, 21, 24, and 25 were allowed. The amendments made to Claims 17, 19, 21, and 25 are not believed to affect their allowability. Accordingly, Claims 17 to 19, 21, 24, and 25 are believed to remain in condition for allowance.

The specification has been amended to include the patent number of the parent case.

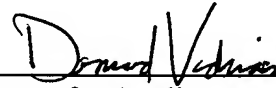
Claims 13 to 16, 20, 22, and 23 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 6, 8, and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,207 (Uda '207). The rejection is respectfully traversed, and has been obviated by the cancellation of Claims 13 to 16, 20, 22, and 23.

Consideration of the information cited in the March 10, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. Further, it is requested that the Examiner return an copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating that such information has been considered.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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